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YOUNG, A MEMBER OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE WHO OPENED THE DEBATE, SAID KY. "COULD NOT REMAIN IN POWER ONE MONTH EXCEPT FOR THE OPERATIONS OF OUR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND THE SUPPORT OF OUR ARMED FORCES."

THE OHIO DEMOCRAT SAID VIET CONG DELEGATES "MUST BE SEATED ALONG WITH DELEGATES OF THE HANOI GOVERNMENT AND THE UNITED STATES" AT ANY NEGOTIATIONS FOR A CEASE-FIRE OR ARMISTICE IN VIET NAM.

YOUNG SAID "NO MATTER HOW OFTEN WE PROFESS OUR INTENTION TO DEFEND FREEDOM IN VIET NAM, THE INCREASING ESCALATION OF THE WAR IS RAISING GRAVE DOUBTS THROUGHOUT ASIA AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD AS TO THE WISDOM OF OUR POLICY." HE SAID "THE PRIMARY REASON FOR OUR BEING IN VIET NAM TODAY IS OUR PROUD REFUSAL TO ADMIT A MISTAKE IN OUR ATTEMPT TO MAKE VIET NAM A PRO-AMERICAN AND AN ANTI-COMMUNIST STATE."

RATHER THAN SAVING FACE, YOUNG SAID, "WE LOST FACE BY MESSING AROUND IN A CIVIL WAR IN THE JUNGLES AND HIGHLANDS OF VIET NAM."

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